

bitingly some time, but when thus relieved
walked home with me conversing about
business matters.

Aunt Ann thinks they will be likely to
go to California when Willie is through
with his collegiate course. And she too
is now willing to go she thinks. I hope
they may feel better about it before the
time arrives.

Mrs. Brady and Eliza came to see me
Sunday evening. C. had heard from Robert
that morning ~~in which~~ he spoke of returning
Sunday or Monday, but she did not
seem to expect him before the last of
the week. Perhaps however, she was trying
to make an agreeable surprise for herself.
She seemed almost blue and was very
anxious for his return. — Just you get
home once, and tell her a string to you
just long enough to reach to the office,
possibly to the outskirts of the town, and
that far but no farther shall you go. Indeed
you'll be tied to a woman's apron string after
this!!! Rob has been for the fifth or sixth time
to be kissed. I wish I could give you half of
them. Good bye for a short time my dear husband
Angela

Dayton, March 26th. 1861

Dear Luther,

Robby is here inquiring about
my writing. "Papa? Papa?" "Papa, one,
~~was~~," are the connected remarks, out
of which I get the following, "Writing
to Papa? Papa's in Washington, tell
him to come home. He is very concise
you see, perhaps from necessity only, however

Now I don't expect you to get this
letter, my dearest, but you insist upon
my writing till your departure is defin-
itely fixed upon. — I am happy
that my letters have done you so much
good, though they seemed to me to
have so little in them, that I scarcely
know why you should like them so well.
Yet I know how I treasure up ^{now} a little
business note from you when sent from
your office; absence for so long a time
greatly enhances their value of course.
They even can be disposed of on the
principles of Love.

Uncle John brought me two letters from

you, and his own also. In one of mine
you say tell every body but John Howard
&c. &c., well, by good luck I need the
letter to him this time; (I have almost
always handed them to him to read
before) so that he did not see the remark.

Of course the business will be settled
before this reaches Washington so that
I need say nothing about that. It's
too troublesome to think of any how so
I shall be glad when the thing is dis-
posed of, no matter how. I do hope
though that you will not feel too badly
if the decision is adverse, for you have
the satisfaction of knowing that you have
done all and more than any other
member of the family would have done.

We all agree in wishing you and
Father safely home again to make our
happiness complete.

Sella says tell you that I pulled two
teeth for her yesterday. I am very sorry
they were not taken out before, as the
new ones had already made their appear-
ance behind the old ones.

My last letter confirmed the sad news
you heard from Mr. Koser about the
Brown children. Mrs. Brown's friends have
great fears for her also; her health has
never been good and this blow is a
terrible shock to her.

The children are around me and I
am sitting by the window in my room.
Rob is putting his "feet" on Sella, and
threatens say paper also. I am finding
the quarters rather close, and am afraid
shall have to effect a clearance very soon.
The child at Scheffer's was thought to
be better yesterday.

Poor Uncle John! I went to see him
yesterday about my marketing. He sat
with his back towards me eating his
dinner, so that I did not particularly
observe him; but soon however noticed
that something was wrong and followed
him and me out on the porch, anxiously
enquiring what ailed him? He was too
much affected to answer at first - but
we finally found that Minnie De Graff had
asked him where Johnny was. He wept

I'll send your blank sheet
back to you, for the same purpose
for which it came to me.